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OF COLUMBIA

June 22, 1982

Dear Colleague:

At this very moment an international travesty is being considered by the Civil Aeronautics Board (C.A.B.). South African Airways (SAA), an air carrier of the Republic of South Africa, has filed an application for an exemption pursuant to Section 416 (b) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 as amended to allow SAA to provide passenger and cargo service between Johannesburg, South Africa and Houston, Texas. I strongly believe that approval of SAA's application for exemption is clearly not in the best interests of the United States and will be injurious to the interests of a majority of the South African people.

As a nation which prides itself on its never-ending pursuit of "liberty and justice for all," I am appalled that this U.S. Government office can even consider issuing any type of trade agreements to a nation whose survival is contingent on the racial segregation and oppression of 86% of its total population. This nation not only practices a most blatant form of racism, i.e., "apartheid" or the "separate development" of the various races, but it prides itself on the economic, political, and social subjugation of the majority of citizens.

I urge you to join me in <sup>signing</sup>~~sending~~ the attached letter to the C.A.B. on expression a firm opposition to the exemption of the SAA application.

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If you have any questions or would like to co-sign this letter, please  
contact Singleton McAllister in my office<sup>at</sup>(x5-3816).

Sincerely yours,

Mickey Leland  
Member of Congress

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Dear Colleague:

As you may be aware, South African Airways has <sup>(SAA) submitted an</sup> ~~made~~ application with the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) for permission to expand its cargo and passenger service to the United States. Granting of SAA's application for exemption under Section 416 (b) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 would permit weekly flights between Johannesburg and Houston.

SAA, an instrumentality of the South African government, makes clear in its application that the flights to and from Houston will "allow for an immediate and reciprocal advancement in air service between the United States and the Republic of South Africa." The SAA application states further that "the South African authorities are prepared to consider favorably proposals by U.S. airlines to serve Cape Town in the Republic of South Africa, in addition to the Johannesburg point now allowed under the United States-South Africa bilateral (agreement)." The SAA application now pending before the CAB is a prelude to a further liberalization of our trade relationship with South Africa and an increase in U.S. ~~South~~ South African trade and commerce.

I believe that we must make the CAB aware that there is a substantial body of opposition to further trade with South Africa. Increased trade with the United States will aid South Africa's economic development and, in the process, strengthen its government--a government clearly and doggedly committed to the racist and oppressive policy of apartheid. Eighty-six percent of the total population of South Africa is racially segregated and economically and politically discriminated against. <sup>Therefore,</sup> ~~The bottom line is this:~~ facilitating the economic development of South Africa through expanded trade opportunities, which the Houston flights would represent, furthers the policy of apartheid.

<sup>would or could</sup>  
I do not believe the American people condone South Africa's racial policies or want our country to be a partner, economic or otherwise, to the furthering of those policies.

I urge you to join me in signing a letter of opposition to the SAA application.

If you have any questions ~~or would like to add your name to the letter~~, please  
contact Singleton McAllister in my office, X53816. <sup>OR MARIE DORSEY</sup>

Sincerely,

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